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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Joint Petition of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated; Coastal Electric Cooperative, Incorporated; Edisto Electric Cooperative, Incorporated; and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for the Assignment and Reassignment of Territory in Charleston and Dorchester Counties and Approval of Agreements to Limit Corridor Rights  
**Docket No. 2018-283-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("Berkeley Electric"); Coastal Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("Coastal Electric"); Edisto Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("Edisto Electric"); and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") (collectively, the "Parties") for the Assignment and Reassignment of Territory in Charleston and Dorchester Counties and Approval of Agreements to Limit Corridor Rights ("Joint Petition").

Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-610(1) (2015), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") may reassign a portion of previously assigned service areas upon agreement of the affected electric suppliers. The Joint Petition includes the request to (A) assign and reassign various territories in Charleston County between Berkeley Electric, and SCE&G, (B) assign and

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reassign various territories in Dorchester County between the Parties, and (C) limit "corridor rights" in specified areas in Charleston and Dorchester Counties.

Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-620(8) (2015), the Commission may approve agreements between electric suppliers concerning corridor rights. The Parties request approval of their agreement not to assert corridor rights outside the territory assigned to them in the area described in the Joint Petition.

The Parties indicate their agreement resulted from lengthy and good faith negotiations, the desire to avoid wasteful duplication of electric distribution lines, and to operate those systems safely. In addition, the Parties have given careful consideration to system economy, service reliability and good utility practice, efficiency and safety. If approved, ORS recommends requiring the Parties to file amended territorial assignment maps for Charleston and Dorchester Counties to reflect the modifications requested in the Joint Petition

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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